Recognition for Man-Tai (Shyam) Community in Scheduled Tribes List in Assam

1086. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Man-Tai-Speaking (Shyam) community are not recognised as Scheduled Tribes in the plains districts of Assam;

(b) whether Government are also aware that this community is recognised as Scheduled Tribes in the hill districts of North Cacher and Karbi Anglong in Assam; and

(c) whether Government propose to do away with this difference by placing this community in one category for uniform applicability to the entire district of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Man (Tai-Speaking) community has been specified as Scheduled Tribe of Secondary Schools is alsoadmissible. In addition to above, they are only in the Autonomous Districts of Assam and not in the other areas of the State:

(c) Any amendment in the existing lists of Scheduled Tribes can be made only through an Act of Parliament as laid down in Article 342(2) of the Constitution.

Proposal for inclusion of some Communities in SC/ST List

1087. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to include nearly 150 communities in SC/ST list.

(b) whether Government are taking any steps to include Kuruman/Kuruma tribes in Tamil Nadu and Vimukt Jaties in Punjab and Panika Jati in Madhya Pradesh, in the list of STs on the lines on which certain communities of Karnataka were included in the list of ST;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Any amendment in the existing lists of Scheduled Tribes can be made only through an Act of Parliament as laid down in Article 342(2) of the Constitution.

Huge loss to Budelkhand Regional Rural Bank

1088. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the *'Dainik Bhaskar'*, Bhopal dated 18th July, 1991 about huge loss to Bundelkhand Regional Rural Bank due to alleged wrong policy of the management;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been instituted into the matter;

(c) if not, reasons therefor. and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) State Bank of India, Sponsor Bank of Bundelkhand Kshetriya Gramin Bank has reported that they are aware of the newspaper report regarding losses sustained by this Gramin Bank. These losses are however, not due to the wrong policies of the management as alleged.

(b) and (c) State Bank of India have enquired into the allegations levelled against the Chairman of the Gramin Bank and found them baseless.

(d) As most of the Regional Rural Banks are in weak financial position, measures are continuously taken by